

City of Topeka

Adopting Transportation Alternatives for Young Professionals

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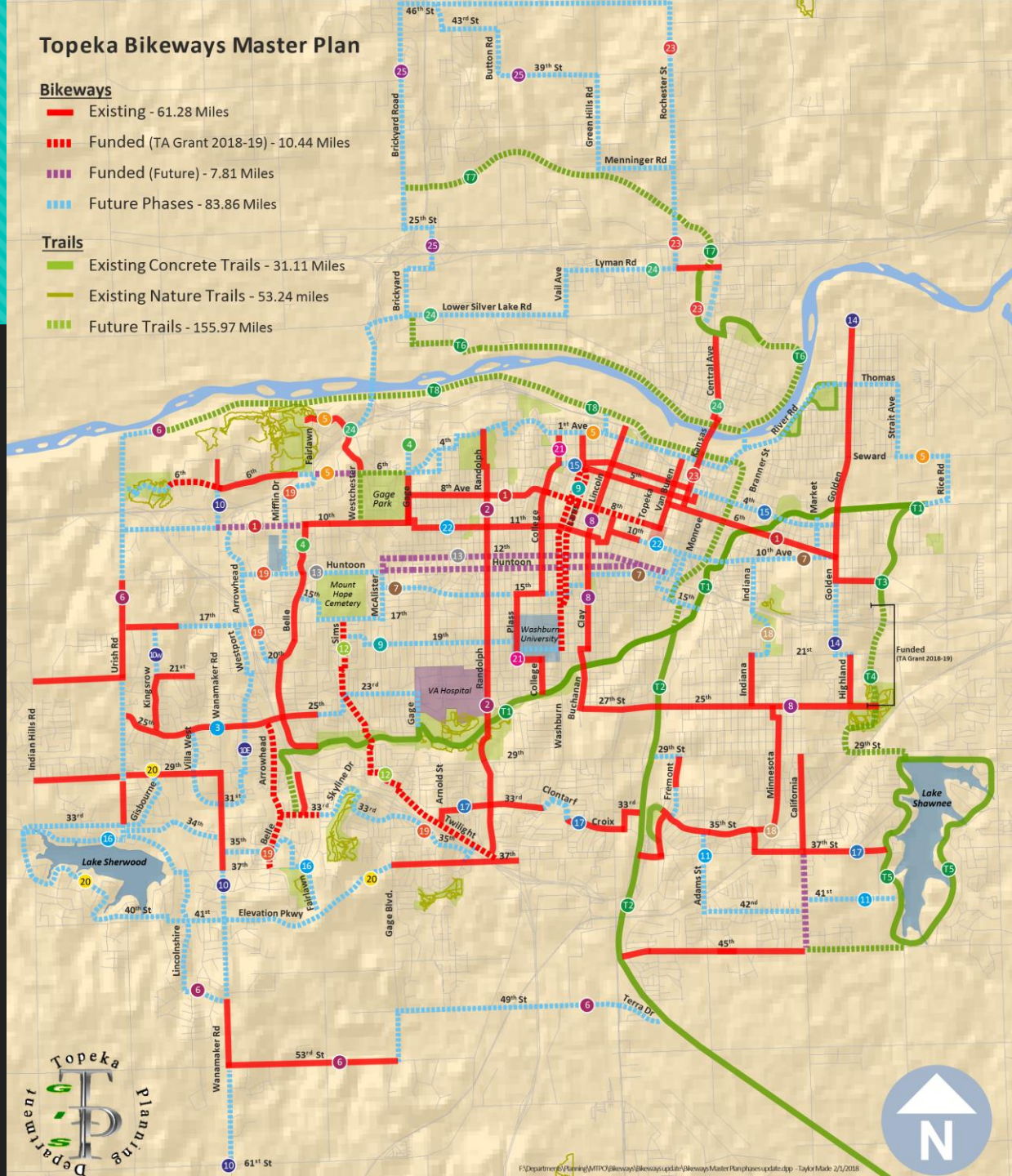
Multi-Modal Transportation Planner

Complete Streets

- In Topeka, the concept of Complete Streets was introduced in 2009 with the passing of the Complete Streets Resolution
 - Heartland Healthy neighborhoods (HHN) Complete Streets Committee
 - HHN brought in a speaker from the national complete streets coalition
 - Heartland Visioning
- County resolution passed in 2014

Bikeways Master Plan

- Approved Plan 2012 (MTPO/Gov Body)
- Destination-Based vs. Recreation
- On-Street Facilities
- Make Topeka more sustainable & bike friendly



Bikeways Advisory Committee (BAC)

- Grass Roots group
- Stakeholder committee made up of diverse community members
- Was created to assist with the creation of the Bikeways Master Plan
- BAC continued to meet after plan was finished to help with implementation



Pedestrian Master Plan

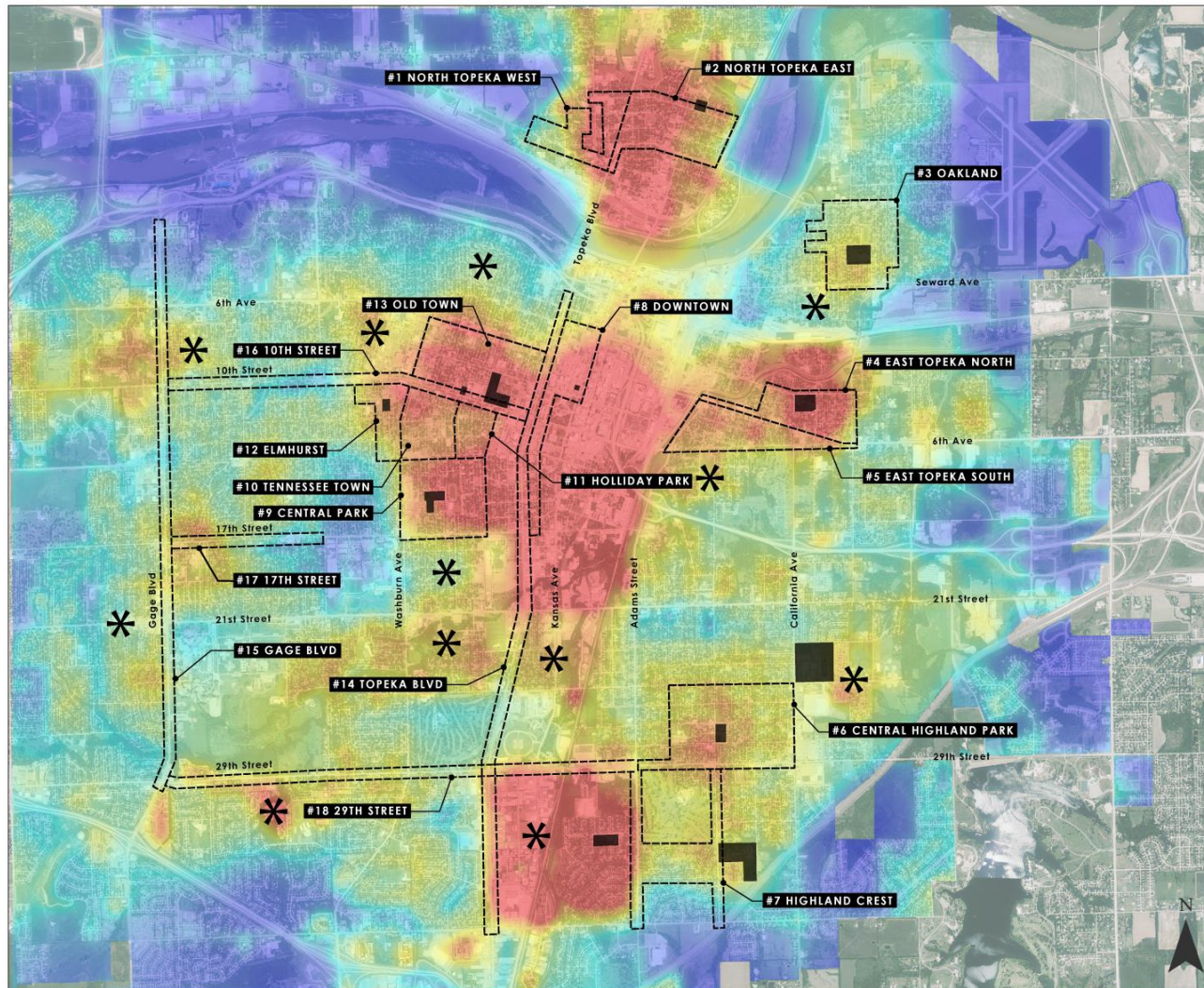


FIGURE 2:
HEAT MAP AND
INVENTORY AREAS

LEGEND

- Neighborhood Focus Area
- School
- Future Focus Areas

Complete Streets Advisory Committee (CSAC)

- Combined the existing BAC, Pedestrian Plan Stakeholder Committee, and the HHN Complete Streets Committee into a formal stakeholder and citizen-based CSAC.
 - On average, this is a group of about 12-20 people with varying interests, ages and fields
- Advise staff/MTPO on implementation of the Pedestrian and Bikeways Master Plans
- Advise staff/MTPO on implementation of the MTPO's and City's complete streets policy including any design standards and street projects.
- Advise staff/MTPO on other multi-modal issues as they arise.
- Provide a public forum for citizens to provide feedback on complete street implementation and the above projects.

Complete Streets Guidelines

- Completed at the Beginning of this year
- Joint ownership between the City and County for continuity
- Combines a variety of standards, regulations and other resources.
- Intended to be more of an Engineering guideline that allows for flexibility while incorporating complete streets elements
- Is a fluid document that is continuously updated with the latest guidelines and regulations as they arise

Final Thoughts

- Got buy-in from the community early on with the help of the grass roots group
- Many communities do their bike and ped plans together but we made the decision to do them separately
- Led to the latest LRTP identifying and prioritizing active transportation instead of vehicular travel